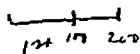


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End of 2nd century



the Sarmatians who penetrated into the region  
between the lower Danube and the Dni  
at end of 2nd century were no longer a  
small people

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DURANT

Pertinax, prefect.

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## SOME INNER SOURCES OF POWER

A few individuals of the pagan world, like Socrates and MARCUS AURELIUS, thought of god, duty, and immortality in a way similar to the teachings of Christ. But Christianity made these lofty speculations of a few great intellects "the truisms of the village school, the proverbs of the cottage and the alley." For most people, the old gods had been vague forces which must be worshipped in order that they might not send afflictions upon men. This pagan feeling gave way now to a loving trust in God as a tender Father. The old shadowy

a gloomy future was replaced in men's minds  
by confidence in a blissful life beyond the grave.  
The old worship had been largely a matter of meretricious  
ceremonial and form. Christianity taught that the essence  
of religion consisted in love, hope, purity, and mutual  
helpfulness. Such features made the new religion  
the greatest power that ever worked upon the  
souls of men.